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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 5 and 6 are the independent claims.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-6 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,671,009 (Chun).

Applicants submit that the rejected claims are allowable for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 is directed to an observation system including an observation camera and an observation monitor unit. The system also includes means for detecting a relevant event. The observation monitor unit includes recording means for recording a plurality of images including an image at a time of the event and means for

repeatedly displaying a sequence formed by the images from the time of the event.

Chun, as understood by Applicants, relates to a CCTV system having an improved detection function. An ID code is generated in accordance with a predetermined event and time-of-day condition. To reduce the time for locating recorded events, a camera signal whose ID code represents the type of event and time can be searched and detected. As described in Chen, the recorder 310 records the outputs from all the cameras 100.1 - 100.n (see col. 2, lines 55-63).

In contrast, the present invention as defined by Claim 1, records a plurality of images including an image at a time of an event and repeatedly displays a sequence formed by the images based upon the event. While Chen may be deemed to teach a system for searching for specific events from a large amount of recorded data, nothing found in Chen is believed to teach or suggest the selective recording and repeated play-back features of Claim 1.

At least for these reasons Claim 1 is believed patentable over Chen.

Independent Claims 5 and 6 recite features similar to Claim 1, and are believed patentable for at least the same reasons.

A review of the other art of has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicants' opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as a reference against the rejected independent claims. Those claims are therefore believed patentable over the art.

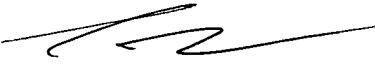
of record.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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